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An Act To Allow the Assessor of the Cyr Plantation Board of Assessors To Facilitate the Election of Vacant Assessor Seats

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

- 1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
 - **Whereas,** Cyr Plantation currently only has one assessor elected to the Board of Assessors and the functions of the Cyr Plantation Board of Assessors cannot be carried out without the appointment of temporary staff and election of additional board members to ensure a quorum exists; and
- Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
 therefore,
- 11 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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- 12 Sec. 1. Cyr Plantation temporary authority of assessor; filling vacancies 13 through appointment. The assessor of the Cyr Plantation Board of Assessors may 14 appoint a municipal clerk, registrar of voters and treasurer to fill existing vacancies for the 15 purpose of facilitating an election to fill empty seats on the Board of Assessors. The terms 16 of these appointments end upon the election of a quorum to the Board of Assessors unless 17 the appointees are later confirmed as otherwise required by law or procedure.
- 18 Sec. 2. Cyr Plantation authority of assessor; authority to call town meetings 19 and elections and designate shortened paper process. The assessor of the Cyr Plantation Board of Assessors may issue a warrant calling a town meeting and an election 20 to fill the vacancies on the Board of Assessors pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21 22 30-A, sections 2521, 2528 and 7006. The assessor may also designate a shortened 23 nomination paper process for the election pursuant to Title 30-A, section 2528, subsection 24 4, paragraph E and may appoint the necessary number of ballot clerks to carry out the 25 election pursuant to Title 30-A, section 2528, subsection 8.
- Sec. 3. Cyr Plantation authority of assessor; disbursement warrants. Until
 a quorum of assessors is elected to the Cyr Plantation Board of Assessors, the assessor may
 approve and sign disbursement warrants under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A,
 section 5603, subsection 2.
- 30 Sec. 4. Cyr Plantation authority of assessor; general assistance program 31 administration. Until a quorum is elected to the Cyr Plantation Board of Assessors, the 32 assessor may approve any general assistance applications and perform any necessary 33 functions to administer Cyr Plantation's general assistance program that would otherwise 34 require a quorum of assessors.
- 35 Sec. 5. Repeal. This Act is repealed December 31, 2022.
- 36 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation
 37 takes effect when approved.
- 38 SUMMARY
- This bill allows the assessor of the Cyr Plantation Board of Assessors to take action to facilitate an election to fill empty seats on the Board of Assessors. Until a quorum is elected to the Cyr Plantation Board of Assessors, the bill allows the assessor to approve and sign
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- disbursement warrants, approve general assistance applications and perform any necessary functions to administer Cyr Plantation's general assistance program. 1 2